

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for exporting information created in a first system using a first application to one or more external systems, comprising:

retrieving ~~business object data~~ from an identified database object ~~from one or more database tables~~, the database ~~business~~ object data including attribute data for ~~one or more attributes of the database business object~~, the attributes including at least one static attribute with a predefined data structure and at least one dynamic attribute that is dynamically configured by a user;

retrieving metadata from the database ~~business~~ object data, the metadata including a name, a data type, and a value for each attribute of the database ~~business~~ object data;

creating and storing an electronic file for the database object in a generalized data format by constructing a generalized data structure for the attribute data using the metadata, ~~metadata~~;

and parsing the attribute data into the generalized data structure; and

exporting the electronic file to one or more external systems for display using an application residing on the one or more external systems.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a request for database ~~business~~ object data associated with a particular database ~~business~~ object.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving database ~~business~~ object data comprises retrieving opportunity header data and data for one or more opportunity listings.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the database ~~business~~ object data includes data related to a desired commercial transaction.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the opportunity header data includes an opportunity type and an opportunity identifier.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the data for one or more opportunity listings includes product data, the product data associated with a product to be obtained as a result of the desired commercial transaction.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the data for one or more opportunity listings includes service data, the service data associated with a service to be obtained as a result of the desired commercial transaction.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein retrieving database

~~business~~ object data comprises retrieving response data associated with the one or more opportunity listings.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the response data includes a bid amount corresponding to one or the one or more opportunity listings.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving database ~~business~~ object data ~~from the one or more database tables~~ includes executing one or more series query language statements according to a persistence layer implementation.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generalized data structure conforms to extensible markup language (XML) format.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a machine-readable medium storing instructions operable to cause one or more machines to perform computer-implemented operations for exporting information created in a first system using a first application to one or more external systems, the operations comprising:

retrieving ~~business-object~~ data from an identified database object ~~from one or more~~

~~database tables~~, the database business object data including attribute data for ~~one or more~~
~~attributes of the database business object~~, the attributes including at least one static attribute with
a predefined data structure and at least one dynamic attribute that is dynamically configured by a
user;

retrieving metadata from the database business object ~~data~~, the metadata including a
name, a data type, and a value for each attribute of the database business object ~~data~~;

creating and storing an electronic file for the database object in a generalized data format
by constructing a generalized data structure for the attribute data using the metadata, metadata;
and parsing the attribute data into the generalized data structure; and

exporting the electronic file to one or more external systems for display using an
application residing on the one or more external systems.

15. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 14, further comprising:
receiving a request for database business object data associated with a particular database
~~business~~ object.

16. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 14, wherein retrieving database
~~business~~ object data comprises retrieving opportunity header data and data for one or more
opportunity listings.

17. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 16, wherein the database business
object data includes data related to a desired commercial transaction.

18. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the opportunity header data includes an opportunity type and an opportunity identifier.

19. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the data for one or more opportunity listings includes product data, the product data associated with a product to be obtained as a result of the desired commercial transaction.

20. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the data for one or more opportunity listings includes service data, the service data associated with a service to be obtained as a result of the desired commercial transaction.

21. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 16, wherein retrieving database ~~business~~ object data comprises retrieving response data associated with the one or more opportunity listings.

22. (Original) The article of claim 21, wherein the response data includes a bid amount corresponding to one of the one or more opportunity listings.

23. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 14, wherein retrieving database ~~business~~ object data ~~from the one or more database tables~~ includes executing one or more series query language statements according to a persistence layer implementation.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein the generalized data structure conforms to extensible markup language (XML) format.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A system for exporting information created in the system using a first application to one or more external systems, the system comprising:

means for storing database ~~business~~ object data for a plurality of database ~~business~~ objects in one or more database tables;

means for retrieving particular database ~~business~~ object data associated with a particular database ~~business~~ object from the one or more database tables, the particular database ~~business~~ object data including attribute data ~~for one or more attributes of the particular database business object, the attributes including at least one static attribute with a predefined data structure and at least one dynamic attribute that is dynamically configured by a user;~~

means for retrieving metadata from the particular database ~~business~~ object data, the metadata including a name, a data type, and a value for each attribute of the particular database ~~business~~ object data;

means for creating and storing an electronic file for the database object in a generalized data format by constructing a generalized data structure for the attribute data using the metadata,

~~metadata;~~ and means for parsing the attribute data into the generalized data structure; and
means for exporting the electronic file to one or more external systems for display using
an application residing on the one or more external systems.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 27, further comprising:

means for identifying the particular database ~~business~~ object.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the means for retrieving
database ~~business~~ object data comprises means for retrieving opportunity header data and data
for one or more opportunity listings.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the means for retrieving
database ~~business~~ object data comprises means for retrieving response data associated with the
one or more opportunity listings.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the generalized data structure conforms
to XML format.